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PRESS CARRIES STATEMENT MADE SEPT. 5 BY CUBAN AMBASSADOR CARLOS LECHUGA, WHICH IS QUOTED BELOW IN ITS ENTIRETY, IN TRANSLATION:

"IN RESPONSE TO COMMENTARIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS RASKIN DURING THE LAST FEW DAYS, WE FORMALLY DECLARE THAT THE SAUNDERS PEOPLE OF CUBA ARE ON THE EVE OF A NEW MILITARY AGGRESSION. THERE IS IN OPERATION AROUND OUR ISLAND A NETWORK OF CAMPS OF MERCENARIES EQUIPPED, SUSTAINED AND TRAINED BY NORTH AMERICAN AGENTS.

"IN GUATEMALA WE CAN MENTION THOSE OF CUENCA DE COBAN, PUERTO MIGUELITO, BENGUE VIEJO, MELCHES, CAMPO FLORES, SANTA ROSA DE COPAN AND THE AREA OF EL PETEN. IN NICARAGUA: CORN ISLAND, BLUEFIELD, PUERTO CABEZA AND 'LA FUNDIDORA' RANCH. IN PANAMA THERE ARE CAMPS AT PUNTA MALA AND MAMINTOE. THE SAME TYPE OF ACTIVITY IS TAKING PLACE IN THE TERRITORIES OF HAITI AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

"WE ARE IN POSSESSION OF RELIABLE REPORTS OF THE EVACUATION OF FAMILIES OF AMERICAN MILITARY PERSONNEL AT THE GUANTANAMO BASE. THE NUMBER OF MERCENARIES WHO ARRIVE AT THE BASE AFTER HAVING BEEN TRAINED IN CAMPS GROWS EACH DAY. THE WARLIKE PREPARATIONS IN THAT MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT ARE AT AN ACCELERATED PACE. THE PROVOCATIONS AGAINST OUR TROOPS OCCUR HOUR BY HOUR, AS DO THE VIOLATIONS OF OUR AIR AND SEA SPACE.

"AS HAPPENED ON APRIL 15, 1961, TWO DAYS BEFORE THE INVASION OF GIRON BEACH, THE ENEMIES OF THE CUBAN PEOPLE HAVE READY

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AIRPLANES WITH OUR MARKINGS WITH THE OBJECT OF CREATING AN INCIDENT THAT WILL GIVE A PRETEXT TO JUSTIFY THE SUBSEQUENT AGGRESSION. THEIR PLANS ALSO INCLUDE THE SIMULATION OF THE CAPTURE OF A PRESUMED CUBAN SHIP, WITH OUR FLAG AND LOADED WITH ARMS, SO THAT THE PROPAGANDA MAY IMMEDIATELY SAY THAT SAID VESSEL WAS GOING TO VENEZUELA, AND THEY DO NOT DISCARD THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING THIS ALLEGED 'SEIZURE' IN MEXICAN TERRITORIAL WATERS SO AS TO PROVOKE, IN THESE TIMES OF TENSION, A CONFLICT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO.

"THE RECENT VISIT OF GENERAL TAYLOR AND THE COMMENTARIES WHICH IT ENVOCKED IN THE NORTH AMERICAN PRESS TO THE EFFECT THAT HE WAS GOING TO INSPECT VITAL POINTS IN CASE OF A CONFLICT WITH CUBA; THE MANEUVERS IN THE CARRIBEAN; THE MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN PANAMA; THE HYSTERIA OF LIKEMINDED AMERICAN POLITICAL FIGURES IN THE CONGRESS, BOTH REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS; THE FALSE NEWS OF THE PRESENCE OF FOREIGN TROOPS IN CUBA; THE DAILY THREATS THAT EMANATE FROM RULING CIRCLES OF THE UNITED STATES, ONLY CONFIRM THAT WE ARE FACED WITH A NEW ATTEMPT AT INTERVENTION IN CUBA.

"WITH THESE FACTS BEFORE US WE DENCUNCE BEFORE THE PUBLIC OPINION THE TREMENDOUS HYSTERICAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THOSE WHO, INSPIRED BY HATE, DREAM OF LIQUIDATING THE MOVEMENT FOR THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC EMANCIPATION OF CUBA, WITHOUT BEING AWARE THAT THE REVOLUTION IS IRREVERSIBLE AND COUNTS WITH THE SOLIDARITY OF THE WORLD AND WITH THE IRREVOKABLE DECISION OF OUR PEOPLE THAT IT SHOULD NEVER RETURN TO THE PAST AND THAT IT WILL AGAIN DEMONSTRATE, ARMS IN HAND, THE DRAMATIC SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NATIONAL WATCHWORD: FATHERLAND OR DEATH. WE SHALL WIN.

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